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SUBJECT: ATA 7048 - OFFER, BOSNIA WMD/CBRN OPERATIONS AND
EQUIPMENT DELIVERY

REF: N/A

THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

SUMMARY:

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUREAU OF DIPLOMATIC SECURITY,
OFFICE OF ANTITERRORISM ASSISTANCE (DS/T/ATA) OFFERS THE
GOVERNMENT OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA (GOBIH) THE THREE-WEEK
COURSE, WMD/CBRN OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT DELIVERY
(ATA-7048). DELIVERY OF THIS DS/T/ATA COURSE/ACTIVITY IS
CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INTERNAL VETTING
AT POST AND HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEAHY
AMENDMENT AND DEPARTMENT POLICY. DS/T/ATA REQUIRES ALL
INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS TO WHICH THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ASSIGNED
TO BE VETTED. THIS VETTING MUST BE COMPLETED AND A CABLE
DISPATCHED FROM POST TO DS/T/ATA, CITING THAT ALL VETTING HAS
BEEN COMPLETED WITH FAVORABLE RESULTS. IF THAT CABLE IS NOT
RECEIVED BY DS/T/ATA AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ATA
COURSE/ACTIVITY START DATE, THIS TRAINING ACTIVITY WILL BE
POSTPONED. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 5.

DUE TO CURRENT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, IF POST ACCEPTS THIS
COURSE AND POST SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTS POSTPONEMENT OR
CANCELLATION FOR ANY REASON, DS/T/ATA COULD STILL INCUR
EXPENSES AND THESE EXPENSES WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE
FUNDING OBLIGATED FOR THIS COURSE.

DETAILS:

11. COURSE OFFER: DS/T/ATA OFFERS THE GOBIH THE THREE-WEEK
COURSE, WMD/CBRN OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT DELIVERY
(ATA-7048). THE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN SARAJEVO FROM OCTOBER
12, 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 30, 2009. UP TO 24 PARTICIPANTS MAY
ATTEND. PLEASE PROVIDE GOBIH ACCEPTANCE/DECLINATION TO
DS/ATA BY JULY 13, 2009. FAILURE TO RESPOND BY THIS DATE MAY
FORCE DS/ATA TO WITHDRAW THE COURSE OFFERING DUE TO COMPETING
SCHEDULING DEMANDS. SEE PARAGRAPH 9 FOR OTHER KEY DATES.

POST OFFICIALS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ANY OR ALL PORTIONS
OF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM. DS/T/ATA STRONGLY ENCOURAGES POST
REPRESENTATION AT THE OPENING AND CLASS GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

12. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES: THIS THREE-WEEK COURSE

IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE RESPONSE CAPABILITY OF THE PARTNER NATION BY TRAINING TEAMS OF OPERATIONAL RESPONDERS FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR (CBRN) MATERIALS. RELYING PRIMARILY ON FIELD EXERCISES WITH SUPPLEMENTAL LECTURE, THIS COURSE WILL PREPARE STUDENTS TO EXECUTE FUNDAMENTAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE PROCEDURES THAT CAN MITIGATE LOSS OF LIFE IN A WMD/CBRN OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) INCIDENT.

COURSE TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS FOCUS PRIMARILY ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TRENDS IN TERRORISM, IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (IED) AWARENESS, TOXIC INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS AND MATERIALS (TIC/TIMS), CBRN RISK ASSESSMENT AND AWARENESS, CRIME SCENE ISSUES, CHEMICAL HAZARD DETECTION AND PREDICTION, TRIAGE, SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE. IN THE THIRD AND FINAL WEEK, THE PARTICIPANTS ARE SEPARATED INTO TEAMS FOR A COURSE EXERCISE. THIS EXERCISE WILL REQUIRE THE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE DIFFICULT DECISIONS AND TO CARRY OUT ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS THROUGH SCENARIO DRIVEN INCIDENTS. THE EXERCISE WILL CHALLENGE THE PARTICIPANTS TO MAINTAIN A COMMON COORDINATED RESPONSE TO A TERRORIST INCIDENT OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS COURSE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO: DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN HAZMAT AND WMD INCIDENTS; PERFORM HAZMAT OPERATIONS BASED ON UNITED NATIONS (UN) STANDARDS; RESPOND TO HAZMAT AND WMD INCIDENTS INVOLVING MASS CASUALTIES IN A MANNER THAT MINIMIZES LOSS OF LIFE; AND APPLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES BASED ON THE OPERATIONAL PLAN OF THE PARTNER NATION.

TRAINING HOURS ARE 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, HOWEVER, THESE HOURS MAY BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT LOCAL CUSTOMS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRAINING PERIOD MAY NOT BE EXTENDED. COURSE ATTIRE IS BUSINESS DRESS FOR THE COURSE OPENING AND GRADUATION. BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS IS APPROPRIATE AT ALL OTHER TIMES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE COURSE.

DS/T/ATA RECOMMENDS VIDEOTAPING THE ENTIRE PRESENTATION FOR FUTURE USE AS A TRAINING AID. PLEASE REQUEST THAT THE GOBIH PROVIDE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES SO THE COURSE PRESENTATION IS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE AS A TRAINING RESOURCE.

13. PARTICIPANT CRITERIA: THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR 24 PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE SERVICES), HAZMAT TEAM MEMBERS, SECURITY (POLICE), AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO AND SAFELY RESOLVING AN INCIDENT INVOLVING CBRN AGENTS OR WEAPONS. THE PARTNER NATION IS ADVISED THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THIS COURSE ON A FULL TIME BASIS FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THIS COURSE. THE VALUE OF THIS TRAINING IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ALL CLASSROOM EXERCISE ACTIVITIES. PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ALL COURSE ACTIVITIES MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO GRADUATE.

DEPARTMENT POLICY PROHIBITS PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OR MILITARY UNIT FROM PARTICIPATING IN DS/T/ATA TRAINING. THEREFORE NEITHER THE GOBIH, NOR THE POST, SHOULD PROPOSE SUCH INDIVIDUALS FOR THIS TRAINING EVENT. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AN INTELLIGENCE UNIT WITHIN A LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION, AND WHO SUPPORT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION OF THAT ORGANIZATION ARE ACCEPTABLE. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO A MILITARY UNIT THAT PERFORMS A LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION ARE ACCEPTABLE.

DS/T/ATA PROGRAMS ADHERE TO THE "TRAIN THE TRAINER" METHODOLOGY AND THE GOBIH IS ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE TRAINERS AND/OR INSTRUCTORS AS PARTICIPANTS. THIS WILL FACILITATE GOBIH DEVELOPMENT OF A VIABLE ANTITERRORISM PROGRAM WITHIN ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY. PARTICIPANTS SELECTED FOR THIS COURSE SHOULD REMAIN IN THEIR POSITIONS FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE.

14. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION: POST IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE NAME, RANK, DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH, CURRENT POSITION TITLE AND UNIT OF EACH PARTICIPANT SELECTED FOR THIS COURSE. SEE PARAGRAPH 9 FOR THE DATE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS DUE IN DS/T/ATA.

DS/T/ATA REQUIRES THAT THE GOBIH APPOINT A SENIOR CLASS LEADER/SPOKESMAN FOR THE COURSE. IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE LEADER BE GIVEN AUTHORITY AND INSTRUCTIONS TO MAINTAIN CLASS ORDER AND DISCIPLINE. IN THE PARTICIPANT LIST CABLE, PLEASE BE SURE TO SPECIFY THE NAME OF THE PARTICIPANT WHO WILL SERVE AS THE CLASS LEADER/SPOKESMAN.

15. VETTING REQUIREMENTS: DS/T/ATA POLICY REQUIRES THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS AND THE UNITS TO WHICH THESE PARTICIPANTS ARE ASSIGNED TO BE VETTED BY THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AT POST. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THIS PROCESS, THIS LIST MUST BE FORWARDED BY CABLE TO YOUR GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL VETTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE LEAHY AMENDMENT.

DS/T/ATA REQUIRES A CABLE FROM POST REPORTING THAT ALL VETTING (POST AND DEPARTMENT) HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH FAVORABLE RESULTS. THIS CABLE MUST BE RECEIVED BY ATA AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START DATE OF ANY ATA COURSE OR ACTIVITY OR THE TRAINING/ACTIVITY WILL BE POSTPONED.

FOR MORE GUIDANCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEAHY AMENDMENT, SEE DS/T/ATA'S INTRANET SITE, STATE 34981 (03), STATE 21324 (05) AND/OR THE "GUIDE TO THE VETTING PROCESS" DATED APRIL 24, 2007.

16. COURSE LANGUAGE: THIS COURSE WILL BE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION INTO BOSNIAN. ALL WRITTEN TRAINING MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO BOSNIAN BY DS/T/ATA. THE SERVICES OF TWO SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS WITH TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THIS COURSE. DS/ATA WILL FUND THE COST OF THE TRANSLATORS AND TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT.

17. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS: DS/T/ATA PREFERS THAT PARTNER NATIONS SHARE THE COSTS OF TRAINING. THE PARTNER NATION MAY PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT BY HOSTING THE COURSE AT A PARTNER NATION FACILITY. IF THIS IS NOT FEASIBLE, THEN COMMERCIAL SPACE SHOULD BE RENTED. DS/ATA EXPECTS PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO SHARE IN COSTS OF TRAINING BY PROVIDING IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION, BILLETING AND PER DIEM FOR COURSE PARTICIPANTS. THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES WILL BE REQUIRED OF THE GOBIH/POST FOR THIS TRAINING:

-- CLASSROOM FACILITY TO ACCOMMODATE 24 PARTICIPANTS, FOUR (4) INSTRUCTORS, TWO (2) SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS AND SEVERAL OBSERVERS. IDEALLY, THE CLASSROOM TABLES/DESKS SHOULD BE CONFIGURED INTO A "U" DESIGN. THE CLASSROOM SHOULD HAVE ADJUSTABLE LIGHTS TO FACILITATE USE OF PROJECTION EQUIPMENT AND TO ENABLE COURSE PARTICIPANTS TO READ COURSE MATERIALS AND TO TAKE NOTES. THE CLASSROOM MUST BE SECURED OVERNIGHT (COURSE MATERIALS WILL BE STORED IN THE CLASSROOM AND MUST BE SAFEGUARDED). THE CLASSROOM SHOULD HAVE CLIMATE CONTROL AND CONVENIENT ACCESS TO RESTROOMS WITH BREAK FACILITIES FOR REFRESHMENTS NEARBY.

- LCD PROJECTOR AND A LARGE SCREEN
- WHITE BOARD OR EASEL WITH FLIP CHART (POST-IT TYPE TO ATTACH TO WALL)
- LARGE MARKING PEN SETS FOR THE FLIP CHART AND/OR WHITE BOARD
- WRITING PENS AND NOTE PADS FOR PARTICIPANTS
- A PODIUM

- A FLAT UTILITY TABLE THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE A LAPTOP COMPUTER AND MULTIMEDIA (POWERPOINT) PROJECTOR
- LAPTOP COMPUTER (MS OFFICE 2003 OR LATER REQUIRED)
- TWO CONFERENCE-LEVEL SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS WITH EQUIPMENT FOR UP TO 35 PEOPLE
- IN-COUNTRY LIAISON (FSN) TO ASSIST TEAM IN COURSE SET UP AND DELIVERY
- TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAM PERSONNEL DURING THEIR STAY
- LODGING WITHIN PER DIEM FOR FOUR (4) ATA CONTRACTED INSTRUCTORS
- ASSISTANCE IN SECURELY STORING AND TRANSPORTING TRAINING EQUIPMENT
- LUNCHEES AND BOTH A MORNING AND AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK TO BE SERVED AT THE VENUE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS AND THE INSTRUCTORS

DS/ATA WILL RELY ON POST ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THE ABOVE LOGISTIC NEEDS (E.G., EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, INTERPRETER SERVICES AS REQUIRED, LODGING FOR INSTRUCTORS). IF NECESSARY, THE RSO SHOULD IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE RENTAL SPACE FOR THE CLASS INSTRUCTION. DS/ATA WILL PROVIDE FISCAL DATA FOR RENTAL OF THE CLASSROOM AND OTHER EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS AND SERVICES AS REQUIRED. PLEASE ADVISE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

DS/T/ATA APPRECIATES POST AND PARTNER NATION SUPPORT IN ARRANGING ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THIS COURSE.

18. DS/T/ATA POINTS OF CONTACT: PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE OR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THIS COURSE TO DS/ATA/TDD TRAINING DELIVERY OFFICER DENNIS RYAN AT TELEPHONE 571-226-9690.

PLEASE DIRECT ALL OTHER QUERIES TO INCLUDE QUESTIONS ABOUT FUNDING TO PROGRAM MANAGER BOB BENKER AT TELEPHONE 571-226-9607 (FAX 571-226-9661). DS/ATA PROGRAM MANAGER JOHN NASON AND BRANCH CHIEF STEVE JONES ARE THE ALTERNATE POCS.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING E-MAILS, FROM POST REGARDING THIS COURSE TO DENNIS RYAN, BOB BENKER AND BRANCH CHIEF STEVE JONES. PLEASE SEND CABLES REGARDING FISCAL INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF MS. SOPHIA JEAN-PIERRE, DS/T/ATA/RSS AND TO BOB BENKER. PLEASE INCLUDE "ATA-7048" IN THE SUBJECT LINE ON ALL FUTURE COMMUNICATION FROM POST REGARDING THIS COURSE.

19. COURSE DEADLINES: RSO/POST MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO DS/T/ATA VIA CABLE BY THE FOLLOWING DUE DATES TO AVOID POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF THIS COURSE:

(A) BY 7/13/09: POST/PARTNER NATION ACCEPTANCE OF COURSE OFFER.

(B) BY 8/20/09: CLASS PARTICIPANT LIST, NAME OF CLASS LEADER, AND COST ESTIMATES.

(C) BY 9/25/09: CONFIRMATION THAT POST AND LEAHY VETTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

BY 90 DAYS AFTER THE COURSE COMPLETION, POST/RSO MUST ADVISE DS/ATA AND DS/EX/CFO OF THE AMOUNT OBLIGATED/EXPENDED FOR EACH FUND CITE PROVIDED TO POST FOR THIS COURSE. PLEASE SEND THE CABLE RESPONSE TO DS/ATA AND TO DS/EX/CFO. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY AFFECT DS/T/ATA'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOSNIA.
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